To Live Again

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Prologue: His Death And Revival

"Kaito!" He shouted, running to the messy haired teen. He felt time slow as he watched the magician turn to smile at him. He watched as the magician collapsed to the floor. Everything was red. Red on the walls. Red on the floor. Red on the ceilings.

Red on Kaito.

"Kaito! No, no, no!" Shinichi cried out, his eyes starting to blur as he fell beside the bloodied body. He grabbed one of the magician's hands. "Pleaseâ€¦Don't leave meâ€¦Don'tâ€¦Don'tâ€¦Not youâ€¦"

"S-Shinâ€¦Shinichiâ€¦.I'mâ€¦I'mâ€¦.sorry," Kaito gasped out between coughs. Shinichi watched with wide eyes as blood spilled from the magician's lips. The detective felt something wet slide down his cheek. "Don't cryâ€¦Shin-chanâ€¦"

Kaito reached up to wipe away the detective's tears, but Shinichi couldn't stop the tears. He couldn't bear the thought of losing someone he held so dear. Kaito began a fit of coughing and there was just so much blood. Usually such morbid scenes wouldn't affect the detective, but this was _Kaito_. He steeled himself and held his tears back. He tried to convince himself that the magician would be okay. He had to be. Shinichi couldn'tâ€”wouldn'tâ€”let him to die.

"Kaito, hang in there. You're going to be okay. I'm not going to let

youâ€¦," Shinichi trailed off as Kaito looked him into his eyes. He saw the sadness and regret in the magician's eyes.

"You can'tâ€¦You can't save meâ€¦It's tooâ€¦late," Kaito coughed out. "Justâ€¦Stay by my sideâ€¦Please, Shinichi. Andâ€¦do you think you couldâ€¦smile for me? I don't want toâ€¦see youâ€¦sad."

"Iâ€¦," Shinichi breathed out, his vision going blurry again. How could he ask him to _smile_? How could he smile? This situationâ€¦He couldn't smile when Kaito was like _this_. No, he couldn't bring himself to _not _look sad. The magician was asking for the impossible. But when Shinichi saw the look in Kaito's eyes, he forced himself to try. He smiled through tears.

"Tâ€¦That'sâ€¦," Kaito let out a short laugh that was interrupted by a series of coughs. "Thank youâ€¦."

There was a long moment of silence and Shinichi watched as the life left the magician's eyes. He didn't want to believe it. The magician made no move. His hand went limp in the detective's. There was a soft smile on the magician's face. Shinichi shook the unmoving body.

"Kaito? K-Kaito? Please, noâ€¦Kaito! Kaito! Move, damn it! Don'tâ€¦Don't do this to meâ€¦Don't leaveâ€¦Don'tâ€¦Don't die!" Shinichi cried.

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"You want to live. You don't want to die, right? Follow me, Kaito."

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